

BIG FAIR THIS FALL.

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BURGLARS SENT TO THE PEN.**Negro House-Breakers Given Long Terms Yesterday.**

Lewis Johnson alias Henry Walker, Edward Thornton, Richard Turner, James Holmes and Charles Perkins, the gang of negro burglars who were captured by Policemen Wren, Portloux, and Shields on the night of February 21, were tried in the Hustings Court yesterday.

The police officers worked up nineteen cases of burglary against the accused, but they were only tried on a few selected cases. Johnson was given nine years in the penitentiary, Thornton fifteen years, and the others were given five years each. Judge Witt complimented Officers Wren, Portloux, and Shields from the bench for having captured so desperate a gang, and said he thought the jury had let the prisoners off very lightly.

THE OTHER COURTS.
In the City Circuit Court the jury in the case of Alice S. Watkins, trustee, vs. Edward C. Smith, being unable to agree, were discharged, and the case went over. Several coupon motions in favor of the Commonwealth against persons were docketed and continued until April 1st.

The Law and Equity Court was engaged in trying the suit of J. K. Donahoe vs. the city of Richmond.

THE JUSTICE FINED HIM.**Negro Driver Dealt With for Whipping a Boy—Other Cases.**

George Dawson, a negro teamster, was a prisoner in Justice Crutchfield's Court yesterday morning charged with assaulting and striking the little son of Mrs. Taylor with a whip. The little boy's mother, who was an eye-witness to the affair, testified that the boy had received a severe thrashing at the hands of the negro, and Justice John promptly fined the guilty man \$10 and costs.

For stealing a lot of lead pipe Frank Thomas (colored) was jailed for twelve months. In default of \$300 security required by the Justice.

Francis Branch (colored) was fined \$5 for creating a disturbance on the premises of Mary Giles, while Randolph Giles, against whom Francis made a charge of assault and battery, was released on payment of costs.

An escaped inmate of the Laurel reformatory was before the Court, and said he ran away because he wanted to join the navy. The Justice sent him back to the reformatory, and Officer Johnson, who made the arrest, will collect his \$10 reward for capturing the youth, as is customary in such cases.

THE MUSEUM IS NOW OPEN.
Small Admission Fee to Be Charged Except on Saturday.

The Confederate Museum is now formally opened for the reception of visitors. The small sum of 25 cents is charged as an admission fee, with the exception of Saturday, that day being left at the option of our people, without any charge for admission.

Stick to your doctor and to your druggist if you're a sick man, but don't go to your druggist for advice, especially if your doctor has told you what to get. If your doctor tells you to get

tation, and, watching his chance, escaped. He was soon captured by the Henrico authorities, and will serve out his entire sentence in stripes.

The Governor has offered rewards for the following persons:

One hundred dollars for the capture of the unknown person who killed James Leon near Pocahontas last January.

Two hundred dollars for the arrest of J. W. Williams, who is charged with the murder of S. D. Bickley, of Bickley Mills, last December.

One hundred dollars for the arrest of Richard Tinsley, who last September murdered Winston Braxton, in Louisa county.

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